transmitted infections, behavioural surveillance, programme monitoring and review through progress report; and (ii) building national capacities by training human resources, strengthening laboratory services, promoting and supporting HIV/AIDS operational research and preparing a medium term national strategic plan.

Study conducted by GG Indraprastha University on ground water

2513. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study conducted by GG Indraprastha University of about 50 samples of ground-water lifted from random spots, which has revealed that concentrates of arsenic, mercury, sulphates and dissolved salts in the Capital's ground-water exceeds permissible limits; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so that this health hazard could be gradually eliminated?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ICMR study report on Union Carbide gas leak

2514. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ICMR study team set-up to study the effects of the Union Carbide gas leak in 1984, has not submitted its final report and the abrupt stoppage of its functioning inspite of deaths continuing even now due to the effect of this mishap, points to existence of nexus between the multinationals Government and bureaucrats; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the findings of the study team are not being made public?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) As per the information